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SUBJECT: OMANI CAAG: MORRISON NOMINATION

REF: 75 STATE 298021, 75 MUSCAT 1301

1. IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR, UNDER SECY SALIM BIN NASSIR HAS REJECTED MORRISON CANDIDACY ON GROUNDS OF LIMITED EXPERIENCE. NASSIR NOTED THAT MORRISON HAD GOOD EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND BUT THAT HIS WORK EXPERIENCE WAS LIMITED TO MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND SOME AMOUNT OF LIAISON AND COORDINATION. HE REQUESTED FAA TO NOMINATE ANOTHER CANDIDATE INSTEAD WITH BROAD AND CURRENT EXPERTISE IN FACILITIES PLANNING AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING.

2. JOB DESCRIPTION REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS OUTLINED IN MUSCAT'S REFTL. SINCE OMAN DGCA IS IN PLANNING STAGE FOR INSTALLATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, NAVAIDS AND RADAR SYSTEMS, NASSIR WANTS CAAG MEMBER TO DEAL WITH CONCEPTUAL PLANNING FOR FACILITIES, ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS, ESTIMATION OF COSTS, REVIEWS OF TECHNICAL PROPOSALS, AND CONTRACTING FOR TURN-KEY INSTALLATIONS. NASSIR POINTED OUT THAT MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES WERE NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF JOB DESCRIPTION SINCE MAINTENANCE WOULD NOT BE NEEDED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WOULD BE COVERED BY FOLLOW-
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ON CONTRACT IN ANY EVENT.

3. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF POSITION AS OUTLINED BY NASSIR ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

I. COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PLANNING:

- A. AFTN/MET POINT-TO-POINT HF/ISB
- B. RADIOTELEPHONE POINT-TO-POINT HF/ISB
- C. SATELLITE LEASED CIRCUITS
- D. VHF AIR/GROUND - REMOTE SYSTEMS
- E. HF AIR/GROUND
- F. MICROWAVE LINK

II. NAVAIDS SYSTEMS PLANNING:

- A. VOR/DME
- B. ILS - CAT II
- C. NDB
- D. POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS
- E. AIRFIELD LIGHTING - CAT II

III. RADAR SYSTEMS PLANNING:

- A. AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE RADAR
- B. SECONDARY SURVEILLANCE RADAR BEACON
- C. DISPLAYS - PPI, BRIGHT AND SYNTHETIC SYSTEMS
- D. FUTURE AUTOMATION
- E. FUTURE LONG RANGE RADAR

4. ACTION REQUESTED: UNDER SECY SALIM BIN NASSIR SEEMS TO
REQUIRE GREATER DEGREE OF EXPERTISE THAN FAA HAS HITHERTO
NOMINATED. TURNDOWN OF MORRISON'S CANDIDACY FOLLOWS NASSIR'S
ORIGINAL RESERVATIONS ON BEISIEGEL NOMINATION. WE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT FAA NOMINATE WELL-QUALIFIED ELECTRONICS ENGINEER
MEETING OMANGOV REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT PER-
MANENT CAAG MISSION CAN BE FILLED, POSSIBLY FROM REGIONAL
FACILITIES ENGINEERING AND PLANNING BRANCH.
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